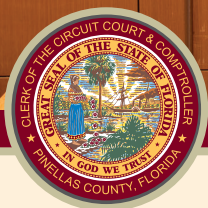


# JURY SERVICE

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You have been selected at random as a prospective juror from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle files for Pinellas County.

This information answers the most commonly asked questions about jury service. Jury personnel will also be available to answer questions or assist you should you experience any difficulties.

**KEN BURKE, CPA**  
**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
**AND COMPTROLLER**  
**PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

*I believe you will find your jury service experience both interesting and educational.*

*When you checked in, you were provided with a Jury Comment Card. Responses are voluntary and may be anonymous. You may leave the pre-addressed comment card in the jury room, mail it back or complete it online at [www.mypinellasclerk.org](http://www.mypinellasclerk.org). Your response is appreciated and invaluable in assisting us to improve the jury service experience.*

**KEN BURKE**

Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller  
Pinellas County, Florida

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## **JUROR NUMBER**

Your Juror Number, found on the card you received at check-in, will be used to identify you throughout your service.

## **JURY PANEL**

Jury service is for one day or for the length of one trial. Many trials will last longer than one day. Jury panels will be drawn randomly throughout the day for jury selection. Jurors will be called by their juror number. Please answer out loud when your juror number is called.

You will be escorted to the courtroom for jury selection by a deputy sheriff. If you are released from that jury selection and the judge did not direct you otherwise, return to the jury assembly room for further instructions. Being released or excused from one case does not prevent you from being selected as a juror for other cases.

## SELECTION AS A JUROR

If you have been selected to serve as a juror in a particular trial, the judge or the deputy sheriff will instruct you on when and where to report during the trial.

## COMPENSATION

If you are employed and paid your regular wages during your jury service, you are not eligible for compensation for the first three days of jury service. If you are not paid by your employer during your jury service or are unemployed or retired, you will be compensated \$15.00 per day for the first three days of service. All jurors will receive \$30.00 per day beginning on the fourth day of service. Juror compensation is authorized by Florida Statute and paid for by the State of Florida.

**If you are eligible for jury service pay, you may choose to receive your payment either by cash the day(s) of service or by having a check mailed to you. If you choose the same-day cash payment method, your jury coordinator will let you know where to pick up your pay. If you choose to have your pay mailed to you as a check, please make sure we have your correct mailing address.**

Jury service compensation is considered taxable income. The lower portion of your reimbursement check will contain income tax reporting information and should be kept. A receipt for cash juror pay can be provided upon request. Jury service compensation can be donated to a court-approved charitable program. If you would like to donate your jury compensation, please ask the jury coordinator before **THE CONCLUSION** of your jury service.

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## PERSONAL COMFORT

Magazines are available in the jury room. You may bring other reading material unless instructed to the contrary by the court. Restrooms are located in the jury room as well as on each level of the building. Coffee is available in the jury lounge. Snack and beverage machines are in or near the jury lounge. Telephones are available to make local calls. WiFi is available in the jury room.

For more information please contact Jury Services at (727) 464-6423 or visit [www.mypinellasclerk.org](http://www.mypinellasclerk.org)

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*Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to use the services provided should call (727) 464-4062 (TDD or Voice). Call 24 hours prior to coming to the courthouse.*